

Additional file 2

Patient Characteristic	Multiplex-negative n=193	Multiplex-positive n=86	P-value
Anti-CCP2 titer in AU/ml, mean (SD)	13 (9)	12 (10)	0.53
median (IQR)	20 (3-21)	20 (1-20)	0.73
Age in yrs, mean (SD)	60 (17)	59 (17)	0.67
Female gender, n (%)	47 (55)	131 (68)	0.04
HAQ, median (IQR)	1.0 (0.6-1.6)	1.0 (0.6-1.6)	0.76
mean (SD)	1.1 (0.7)	1.1 (0.7)	0.92
CRP in mg/ml, mean (SD)	27 (30)	35 (42)	0.72
median (IQR)	15 (6-37)	23 (6-48)	0.46
SHS, mean (SD)	9 (11)	8 (9)	0.36
median (IQR)	6 (2-12)	4 (2-11)	0.19
ESR in mm/h, mean (SD)	35 (23)	33 (27)	0.54
Symptom duration at baseline in months, mean (SD)	6 (12)	5 (9)	0.58